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REMARKS

This Preliminary Amendment is responsive to a telephone discussion on May 13, 2005 initiated by Examiner Tran in response to Applicants Revised Written Restriction Requirement faxed to the Office on May 11, 2005.

Claim 18 has been amended for clarification

Claim 18 has been amended to more closely comport with the wording used in ¶[0087] describing the elected Species B of Figure 7. Applicants consider the terms "no tilt boundaries" and "substantially free of tilt boundaries" to be synonymous expressions.

Further Revised Restriction

Based on further discussion with Examiner Tran, Applicants agree that claim 19 does not expressly read upon the elected Species B. Accordingly, Applicants consider claims 18, 20, 23, 25-26, 31-35, 40-42, and 50-53 are readable upon Species B, FIGURE 7.

However, Applicants do note that the device 108 of Figure 7 can of course be formed with the stack of group III-nitride layers having a minimum lateral dimension greater than 0.1 cm, since the wafer 106 preferably has a diameter of at least 0.1 cm (see ¶[0086]), and the stack of group III-nitride layers are deposited thereon.

Information Disclosure Statements

Applicants submitted an Information Disclosure Statement filed with the application, and further submitted a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement on Feb. 16, 2004. Applicants respectfully request an indication of receipt of these Information Disclosure Statements and of consideration of the corresponding references in the forthcoming first Office Action on the merits.

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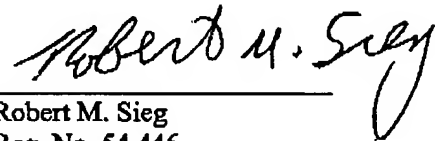
CONCLUSION

Based on the foregoing, it is submitted that claims 18, 20, 23, 25-26, 31-35, 40-42, and 50-53 as set forth herein are suitably examined together. Accordingly, Applicants ask for entry of the amendments, and look forward to substantive examination of claims 18, 20, 23, 25-26, 31-35, 40-42, and 50-53 as set forth herein.

Respectfully submitted,

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